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FOR ROBINSON

FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM CAIRO FEB 18:

QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CAIRO 2150

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

REF: (A) CAIRO 1285, (B) STATE 21967

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPLY TO LETTER ADDRESSED TO CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION REQUESTING EXTENSION OF TWA'S TEMPORARY PERMIT UNTIL SOME TIME IN SECOND HALF OF YEAR, WHEN CONSULTATIONS COULD BE UNDERTAKEN (REFTELS). AS WAS ANTICIPATED, EGYPTIANS ARE UNWILLING TO ACCEPT POSTPONEMENT UNTIL UNSPECIFIED FUTURE DATE, AND, FURTHER, ARE EVIDENTLY UNWILLING TO CONSIDER EXTENSION OF PERMIT BEYOND MARCH 31 EXPIRATION DATE.

2. TEXT OF LETTER, FROM YEHA EL SHINNAWI, FOLLOWS:
QUOTE SUBJECT: OPERATION OF T.W.A. FLIGHTS

DEAR SIR,

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REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER DATED 31 JAN., 1976, CONCERNING YOUR

REQUEST THAT WE CONTINUE TO POSTPONE IMPOSING ANY RESTRICTIONS
ON CURRENT TWA FLIGHT OPERATIONS FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS,
AND TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BOTH GOVERNMENTS IN THE
LATTER HALF OF 1976.

QUITE I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT THIS ORGANIZATION
IS ALWAYS READY TO RENDER EVERY ASSISTANCE FOR TWA IN ITS
OPERATION TO CAIRO AND TO COOPERATE WITH YOU TO THAT EFFECT.
QUOTE IT WAS, REALLY, IN THE LIGHT OF THIS SPIRIT THAT THE
EGYPTIAN DELEGATION DURING THE LAST ROUND OF NEGOTIATION, AGREED
THAT TWA CONTINUE ITS OPERATION TO CAIRO WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS UNTIL
31 MARCH 1976 IN SPITE OF THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT SUFFERED BY EGYPT-
AIR DUE TO THIS OPERATION.

QUOTE REFERRING TO THE STATISTICS ENCLOSED WHEREWITH WE FIND THAT
THE FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC RIGHTS EXERCISED BY TWA ON SECTORS
CAI/ROME/CAI AND CAI/ATHENS/CAI COMPEL US NOT TO
CONTINUE WITH THE SUSPENSION OF THE RESTRICTIONS AFTER 31 MARCH 1976
ON TWA FLIGHTS, THEREFORE WE HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN DELEGATION
WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET WITH US IN CAIRO BEFORE THAT DATE IN ORDER
TO REVIEW THE SITUATION IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION
EVER EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF AIR
TRANSPORT, AND IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY HAMR TO EITHER EGYPT AIR
OR TWA.

QUOTE ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

/S/ F. Y. EL-SHINNAWI, CHAIRMAN, CIVIL AVIATION
AUTHORITY.

STATISTICS

QUOTE ENCLOSURE: FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 1975

CITIES AIR CARRIER PASSENGERS FREQUENCY

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ATHENS EGYPT-AIR 2766 2460 62 62

OLYMPIC 6735 6455 54 54

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OTHER CARRIERS

(13) 10180 10034 791 803

ROME EGYPT-AIR 6103 6093 109 105

ALITALIA 13273 9877 178 178

TWA 6144 8299 183 182

OTHER CARRIERS

(6) 2405 1867 183 146

END QUOTE

4. IT WOULD APPER THAT SOME ACTION ON PART OF USG WILL BE REQUIRED
IF TWA IS NOT TO LOSE A SIGNIFICANT SHARE OF ITS REVENUE EFFECTIVE
MARCH 31, WITH POSSIBLE RESULT OF REDUCTION IN SERVICE (AS
COMPANY HAS PREVIOUSLY THREATENED). THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY A NUMBER OF
COURSES OF ACTION TO CONSIDER, BUT IT APPEARS TO US THAT
CONSULTATIONS ON SUBJECT ARE CERTAINLY HIGH ON LIST.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GOE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SEND
DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON FOR THIS PURPOSE, IF THAT WOULD ASSIST
IN RESOLVING PROBLEM OF US NEGOTIATING SCHEDULE MENTIONED REF B.
PLEASE ADVISE. EILTS UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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